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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | : | Hon. Douglas E. Arpert   |
|                          | : |                          |
| v.                       | : | Mag. No. 22-6006 (DEA)   |
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| MARIO RENTERIA, JR.      | : | <b>CONTINUANCE ORDER</b> |

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Philip R. Sellinger, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Alexander E. Ramey, Assistant United States Attorney), and defendant Mario Renteria, Jr. (by Benjamin J. West, Assistant Federal Public Defender), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter from the date this Order is signed through January 2, 2024, to permit defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation in this matter and to allow the parties to discuss the matter and conduct plea negotiations in an effort to resolve the case before grand jury proceedings and trial; and the Court having previously entered Standing Order 21-11, continuing this and all other criminal matters in this district until January 31, 2022, in response to the national emergency created by COVID-19; and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter submitted to a grand jury within 30 days of the date of his arrest pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(b); and twelve prior continuances having been entered; and the defendant, through his attorney, having consented to the continuance; and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

(1) Plea negotiations are ongoing, and both the United States and the defendant seek time to achieve a successful resolution of these negotiations, which would render trial of this matter unnecessary;

(2) In response to the national emergency created by COVID-19, the Chief Judge of this Court has entered Standing Order 21-11, which is incorporated herein by reference;

(3) The failure to grant such a continuance would deny counsel for the defendant or the attorney for the government the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence;

(4) The defendant has consented to the aforementioned continuance;

(5) The grant of a continuance will likely conserve judicial resources;  
and

(6) Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

WHEREFORE, it is on this 2nd day of November, 2023;

ORDERED that this action be, and it hereby is, continued from the date this Order is signed through January 2, 2024; and it is further

ORDERED that the period from the date this Order is signed through January 2, 2024, shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.



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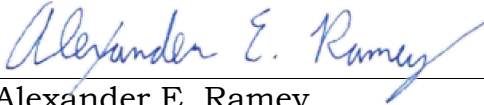
HON. DOUGLAS E. ARPERT  
United States Magistrate Judge

Form and entry consented to:

*s/ Benjamin West*

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